MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He did not make any change in the case of Vernacular books.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Inspector of English Schools knows Tamil?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am unable to say now. I think his Degree is in Malayalam.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It was replied by the member that in consultation with the Inspector of English Schools the Vernacular Schools Inspector prescribed Tamil books.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I did not say that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Both of them were authorised to prescribe books jointly?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, there was no consultation at all.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was there any consultation between the two Inspectors in prescribing books for the Vernacular Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not know whether there was any consultation or not.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapzha I*): May I know on whose advice the Sanskrit text-books were prescribed?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): On the advice of Inspectors.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know, do they know anything of the Sanskrit language?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer I gave yesterday for Tamil books equally applies here also.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Does the Director know enough of Sanskrit to appreciate the advice given in matters relating to Sanskrit language?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There is no point in pursuing this matter, because, it was only a *temporary* arrangement for last year.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): From that, may I take it, that it was a haphazard arrangement?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. P. K. NARAYAMA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Thank you, Sir.

Major operations in the General Hosiptal.

107. ***MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many major operations were performed in the Trivandrum General Hospital during 1106-1108 and how many proved fatal?

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(*b*) Are the Government aware that many officers and non-officials who are residents of Trivandrum seek the aid of the Neyyoor Mission Hospital even for minor operations?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) *Year*	*No. of major operations.*	*No. of deaths.*	*Percentage of deaths.*
1106	164	8	4·9
1107	490	28	5·8
For the 1st ten months of 1108.	387	14	3·6

(*b*) Government have no information.

Construction of a bridge across the Periyar at the Alwaye ferry.

108. ***MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR** (*Kunnatnad II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are in receipt of plans and estimate for a bridge over the Periyar at the Alwaye ferry;

(*b*) the estimated cost of the same:

(*c*) when the Government will be able to start the said bridge;

(*d*) the volume of traffic along the said ferry per mensem; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any idea of the number of students that pass through that ferry per day?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) The anwer is in the negative.

(*b*) No regular estimate has been prepared; but a suitable bridge is roughly estimated to cost Rs. 2½ lakhs.

(*c*) When the financial conditions improve.

(*d*) 8,000 to 10,000 people a day on market days and 3,000 to 4,000 on other days-besides cars, cycles, carts, and animals, each per day being 45, 43, 19 and 519 respectively.

(*e*) No separate statistics have been maintained.

The Pleadership Class.

109. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Pleadership class in Travancore is permanently abolished or temporarily suspended in the local Law College;

(*b*) the reason for the abolition or suspension of the Pleadership Class in the Trivandrum Law College; and

(*c*) the date of the abolition or suspension?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Govrrnment*): (*a*) The Pleadership Class, Law College, has been temporarily suspended for a period of five years from the academic year 1933-1934.

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